

**The
Court of Special
Appeals**

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Court of Special Appeals

The Court of Special Appeals is Maryland's intermediate appellate court. It was created in 1966. There are thirteen judges on the Court, including one from each of the seven appellate judicial circuits and six who are elected from the State at large. The judges are empowered to sit in panels of three; however, a hearing or rehearing before the Court en banc may be ordered in any case by a majority of the incumbent judges. The Court has exclusive initial appellate jurisdiction over any reviewable judgment, decree, order or other action of a circuit court. Additionally, the Court of Special Appeals considers applications for leave to appeal in such cases as post conviction, habeas corpus matters involving denial of or excessive bail, inmate grievances, appeals from criminal guilty pleas, and violations of probation.

The following tables and charts provide a statistical delineation of the Court's work over the last year.



A farm in western Maryland



Wild Horses at Assateague State Park

**TABLE CSA-1.1
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**APPEALS FILED AND TERMINATED WITHIN FISCAL
YEAR**

**6 Year Comparative Data
Fiscal Years 2000 - 2005**

	APPEALS	
	Filed	Disposed
FY 2000	2,038	2,060
FY 2001	1,868	1,825
FY 2002	1,941	1,813
FY 2003	1,960	1,901
FY 2004	1,856	1,936
FY 2005	2,041	1,796

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APPEALS FILED AND DISPOSED WITHIN FISCAL YEAR

**6 Year Comparative Data
Fiscal Years 2000 - 2005**

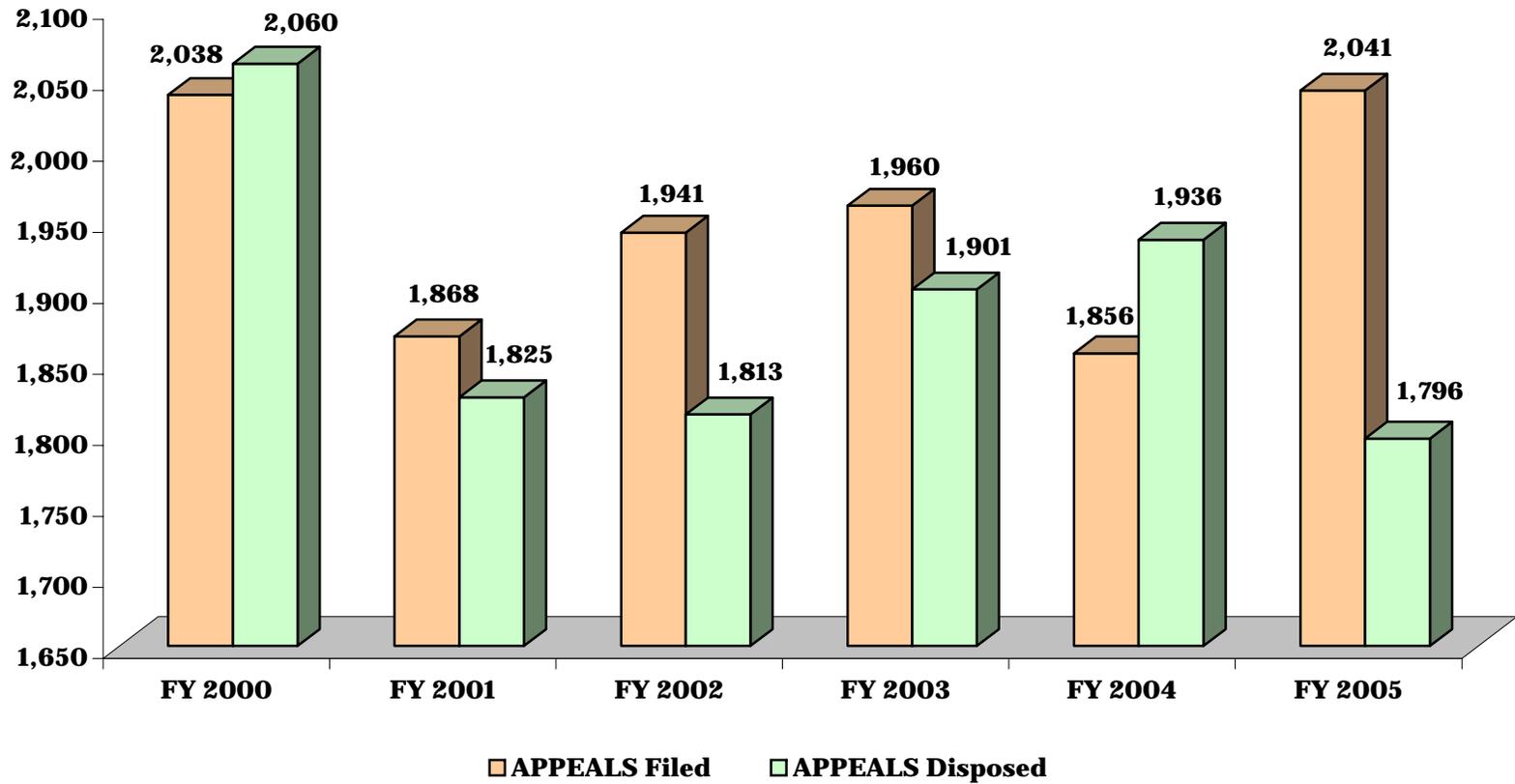


TABLE CSA-1.2
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OPINIONS FILED IN FISCAL YEAR

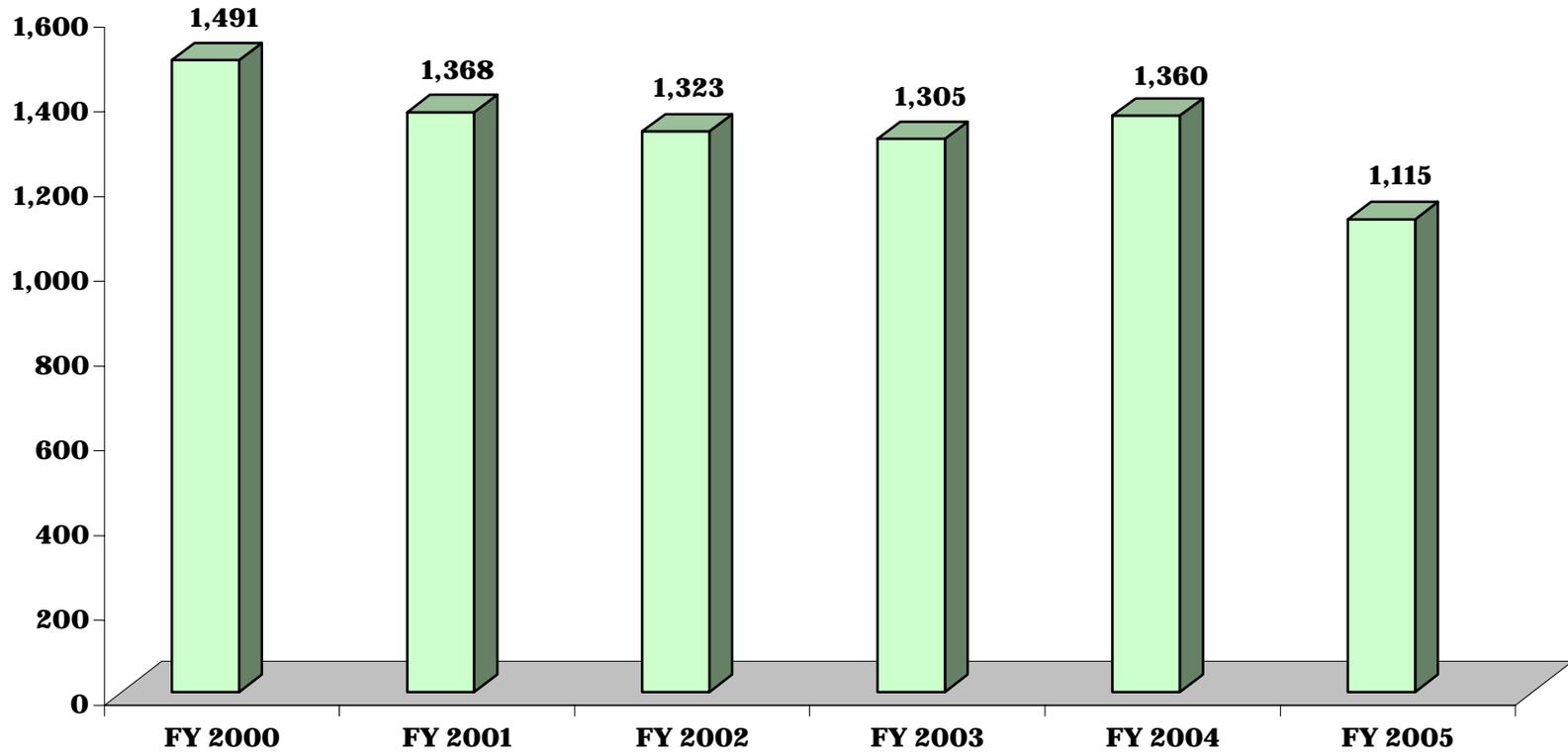
6 Year Comparative Data
2000 - 2005 Terms

	OPINIONS Filed
FY 2000	1,491
FY 2001	1,368
FY 2002	1,323
FY 2003	1,305
FY 2004	1,360
FY 2005	1,115

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OPINIONS FILED IN FISCAL YEAR

**6 Year Comparative Data
Fiscal Years 2000 - 2005**



**TABLE CSA-2
COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS**

**ORIGIN OF APPEALS BY
APPELLATE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND JURISDICTION**

**Regular Docket
2004 Term***

	Number of Appeals	% of Statewide Total
1st Appellate Circuit	226	11.46%
Caroline County	21	
Cecil County	38	
Dorchester County	12	
Kent County	3	
Queen Anne's County	27	
Somerset County	14	
Talbot County	29	
Wicomico County	62	
Worcester County	20	
2nd Appellate Circuit	257	13.03%
Baltimore County	207	
Harford County	50	
3rd Appellate Circuit	261	13.24%
Allegany County	20	
Carroll County	39	
Frederick County	54	
Garrett County	7	
Howard County	74	
Washington County	67	
4th Appellate Circuit	303	15.37%
Prince George's County	303	
5th Appellate Circuit	235	11.92%
Anne Arundel County	156	
Calvert County	21	
Charles County	42	
St. Mary's County	16	
6th Appellate Circuit	422	21.40%
Baltimore City	422	
7th Appellate Circuit	268	13.59%
Montgomery County	268	
	Number of Appeals	% of Statewide Total
TOTALS	1,972	100.00%

*The number of appeals docketed are counted by term (March 1, 2004 - February 28, 2005 -- 2004 Term).

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**PERCENTAGE OF APPEALS FILED
IN EACH APPELLATE CIRCUIT**

2004 Term

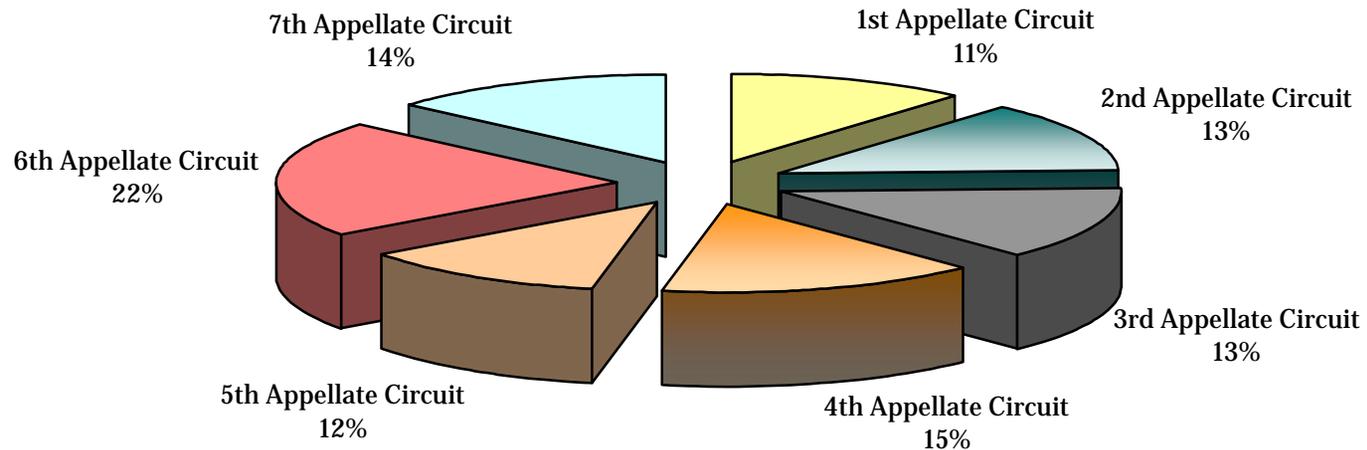


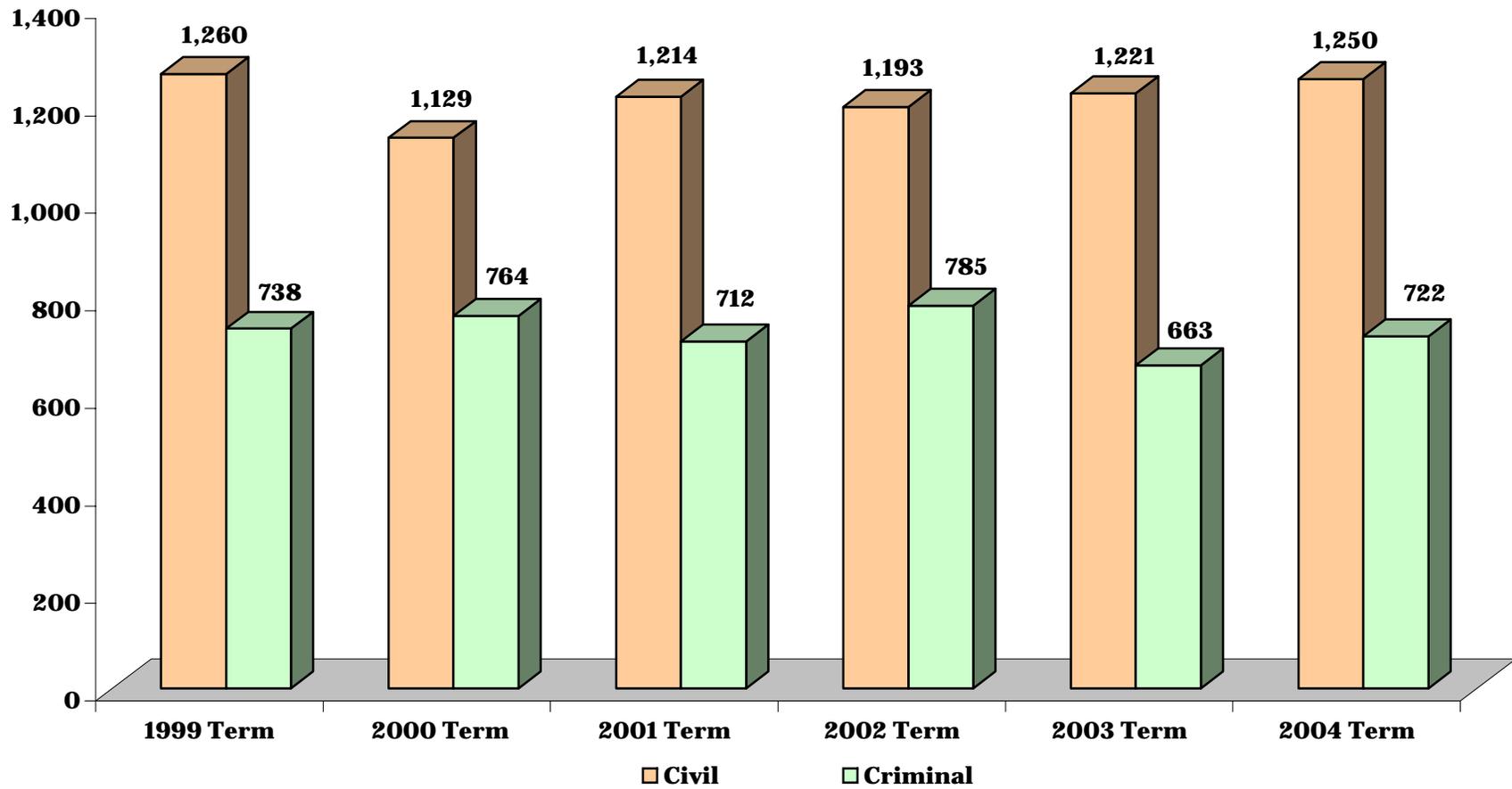
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COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS
APPEALS DOCKETED BY TERM
1999-2004 Terms*

	Appeals		
	Civil	Criminal	TOTALS
1999 Term	1,260	738	1,998
2000 Term	1,129	764	1,893
2001 Term	1,214	712	1,926
2002 Term	1,193	785	1,978
2003 Term	1,221	663	1,884
2004 Term	1,250	722	1,972

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(March 1, 2004 - February 28, 2005 -- 2004 Term).

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**APPEALS DOCKETED BY TERM
1999 - 2005 Terms**



**TABLE CSA-4
COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS**

PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE REPORTS*

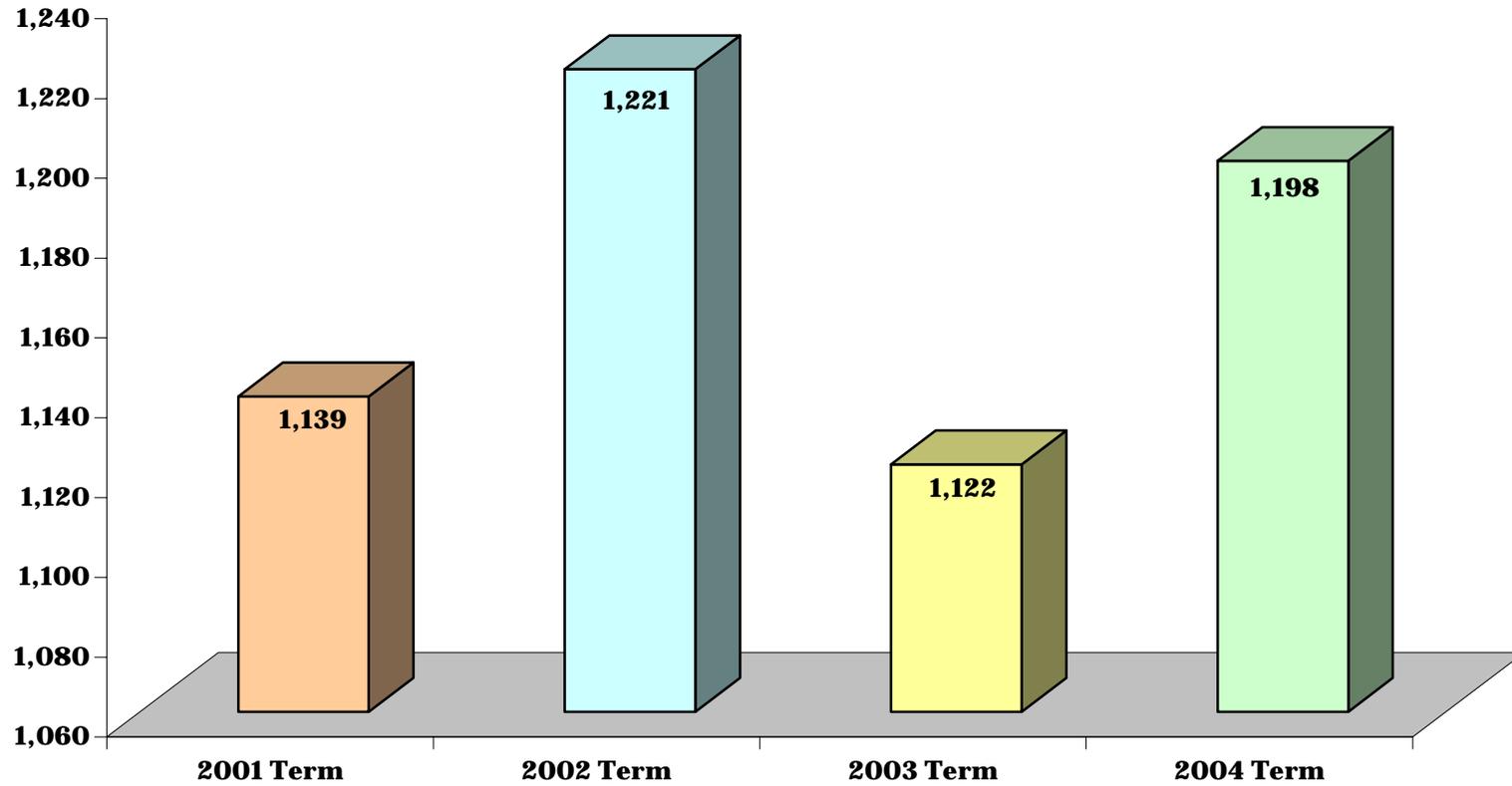
2001 - 2004 Terms

	Reports Received	Proceeded without PHC	Assigned PHC	Dismissed at PHC
2001 Term	1,139	886	253	57
2002 Term	1,221	972	249	19
2003 Term	1,122	997	125	51
2004 Term	1,198	1,104	94	79

*Pre-hearing conference statistics are counted by term (March 1, 2004 - February 28, 2005 -- 2004 Term).

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PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE REPORTS
RECEIVED PER TERM

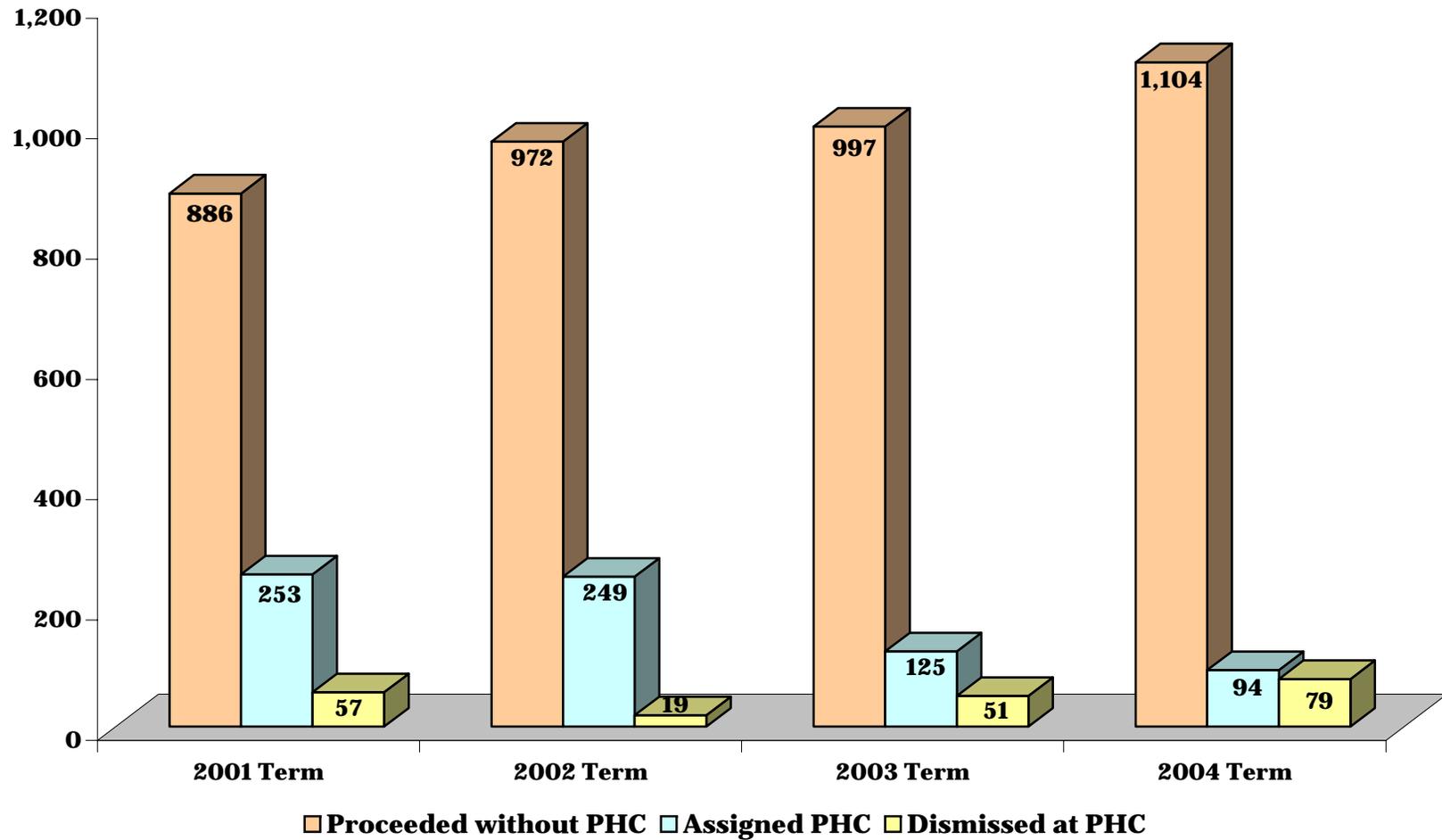
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DISPOSITION OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE REPORTS

2001 - 2004 Terms



**TABLE CSA-5
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**DISPOSITION OF INFORMATION REPORTS
ASSIGNED FOR PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE***

2004 Term

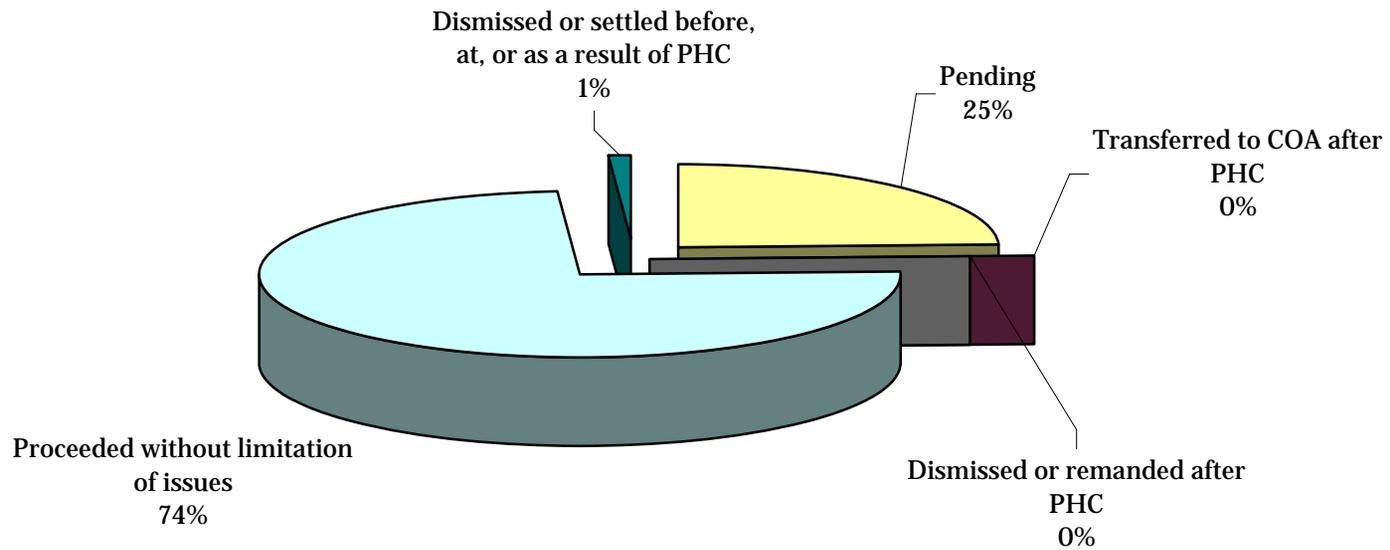
Status of Information Report	Number	Percentage of Total
Pending	23	24.5%
Transferred to COA after PHC	0	0.0%
Dismissed or remanded after PHC	0	0.0%
Proceeded without limitation of issues	70	74.5%
Dismissed or settled before, at, or as a result of PHC	1	1.0%
TOTAL	94	100.0%

*Pre-hearing conference statistics are counted by term (March 1, 2004 - February 28, 2005 -- 2004 Term).

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**DISPOSITION OF INFORMATION REPORTS
ASSIGNED FOR PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

2004 Term



**TABLE CSA-6
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**DISPOSITION OF APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL
AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CASES**

**6 Year Comparative Table
Fiscal Years 2000 - 2005**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
POST CONVICTION-TOTALS	216	218	311	216	244	216
Granted	11	2	3	2	0	3
Dismissed or Transferred	6	12	19	8	30	24
Denied	199	204	285	206	213	189
Remanded	0	0	4	0	1	0

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
INMATE GRIEVANCE-TOTALS	39	113	99	117	101	76
Granted	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed or Transferred	6	15	14	12	12	27
Denied	33	98	85	105	89	49
Remanded	0	0	0	0	0	0

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS-TOTALS	37	25	85	38	45	42
Granted	0	4	1	0	0	0
Dismissed or Transferred	17	4	9	16	8	21
Denied	17	16	70	21	36	21
Remanded	3	1	5	1	1	0

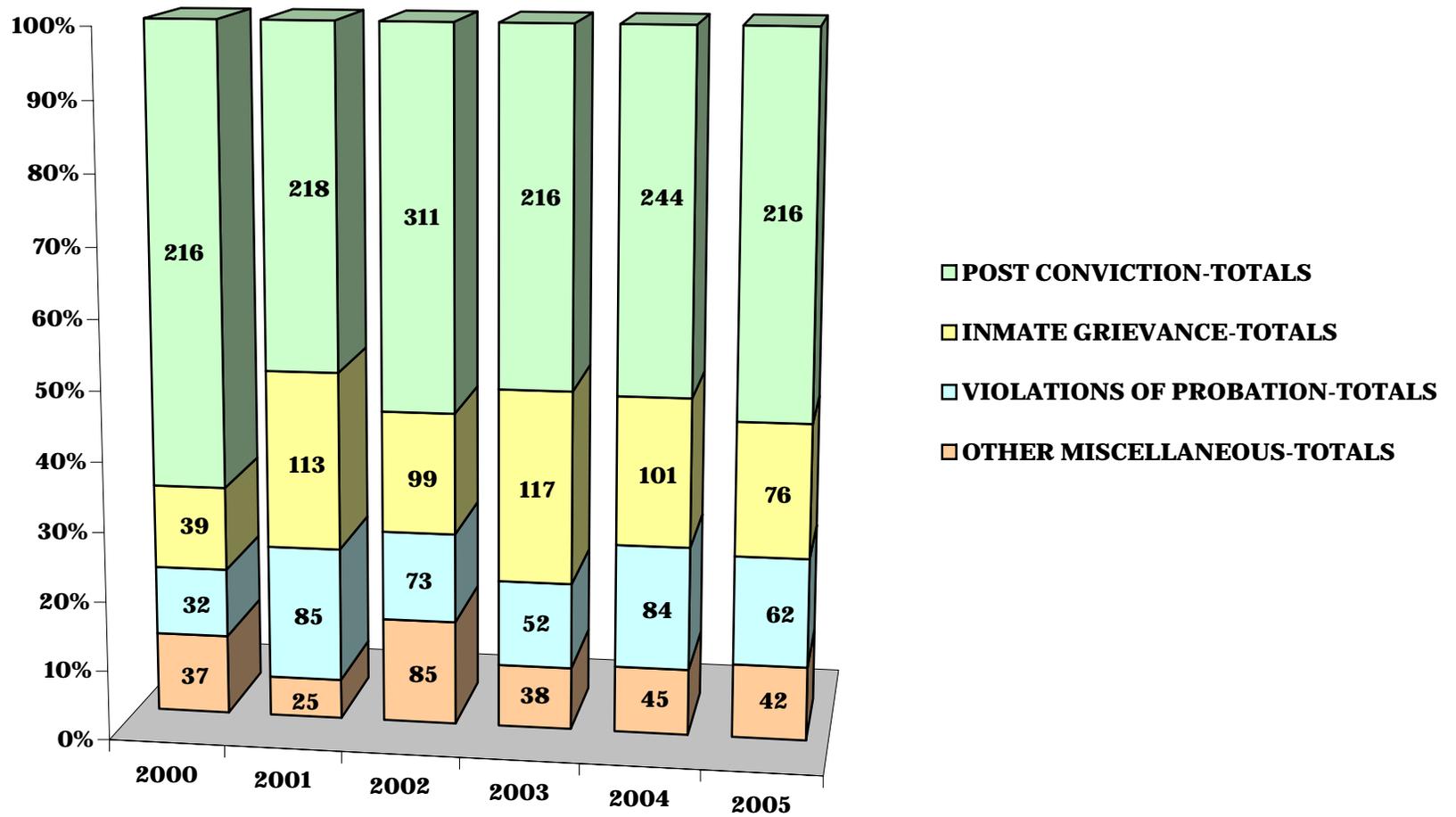
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
VIOLATIONS OF PROBATION-TOTALS	32	85	73	52	84	62
Granted	2	2	1	0	0	2
Dismissed or Transferred	9	24	14	11	14	9
Denied	21	59	58	41	69	51
Remanded	0	0	0	0	1	0

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
TOTALS	324	441	568	423	474	396

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**DISPOSITION OF APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL
AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CASES**

**6 Year Comparative Data
Fiscal Years 2000 - 2005**



**TABLE CSA-7
COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS**

DISPOSITION AND ORIGIN OF CASES

**Regular Docket
Fiscal Year 2005**

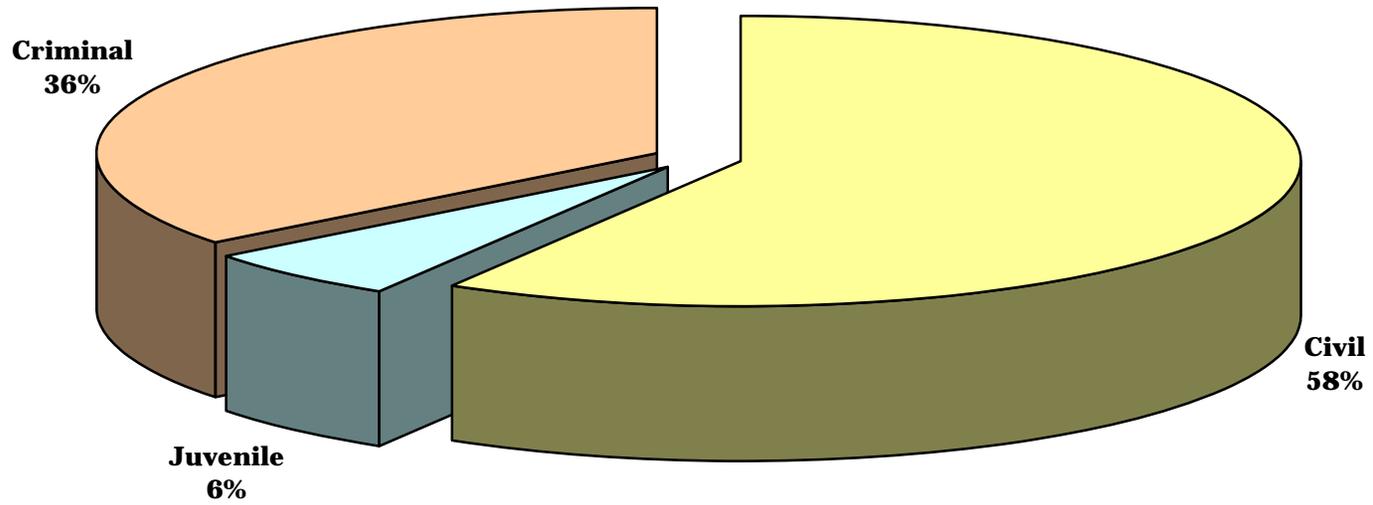
Decision	Civil	Juvenile	Criminal	totals
Affirmed	423	41	398	862
Reversed	97	5	65	167
Dismissed - Opinion Filed	35	2	0	37
Remanded without Affirmance or Reversal	8	0	2	10
Vacated and Remanded	74	2	35	111
Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part	1	0	1	2
Dismissed Prior to Argument or Submission	372	44	121	537
Transferred to Court of Appeals	42	3	16	61
Other	3	4	2	9
Total Cases Disposed FY 2005	1,055	101	640	1,796

Origin	Civil	Juvenile	Criminal	totals
1996 Docket	1	0	0	1
1997 Docket	0	0	0	0
1998 Docket	0	0	1	1
1999 Docket	1	0	1	2
2000 Docket	1	0	1	2
2001 Docket	0	0	1	1
2002 Docket	6	2	24	32
2003 Docket	266	29	338	633
2004 Docket	725	65	264	1054
2005 Docket	55	5	10	70
Origin Totals	1,055	101	640	1,796

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**TOTAL CASES DISPOSED
BY CASE TYPE**

Fiscal Year 2005



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**ORIGIN OF APPEALS DOCKET
BY PERCENT OF FISCAL YEAR**

Fiscal Years 1996 - 2005

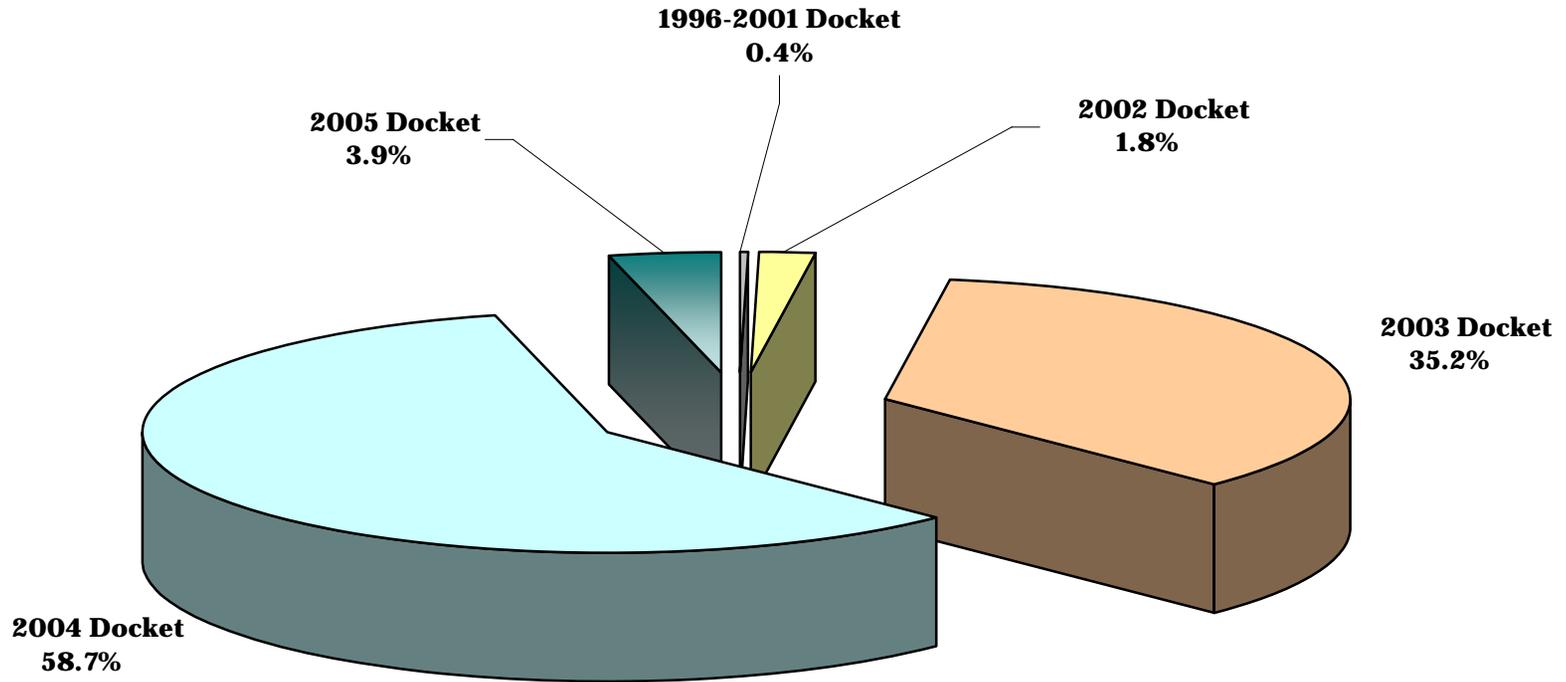


TABLE CSA-8
COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS
AVERAGE INTERVALS FOR CASES DISPOSED
Regular Docket
Fiscal Year 2005

	Docketing to Argument or to Disposition without Argument*	Argument to Decision**
Days	222	98
Months	7.4	3.3

** Includes all disposed cases in Fiscal Year 2005.*

*** Includes all disposed cases in Fiscal Year 2005 that were argued.*

**TABLE CSA-9
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CASES PENDING

**Regular Docket
June 30, 2005**

Origin	Civil	Juvenile	Criminal	TOTALS
1996 Docket	9	0	2	11
1997 Docket	2	0	1	3
1998 Docket	3	0	0	3
1999 Docket	8	0	2	10
2000 Docket	3	0	0	3
2001 Docket	11	0	1	12
2002 Docket	14	1	10	25
2003 Docket	72	3	111	186
2004 Docket	621	39	515	1,175
2005 Docket	80	13	97	190
TOTALS	823	56	739	1,618

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**CASES PENDING ON REGULAR DOCKET
BY CASE TYPE**

Fiscal Year 2005

